

Projected Airport Improvements Welcome

As the economy in the west Valley continues to grow at record rates, the Airport is preparing for the future. City of Phoenix Aviation officials have identified six key areas critical for airport growth over the next seven years. Proposed projects include:

1) Taxiway and Ramp Improvements

The reconstruction of Taxiway Alpha to support transport category aircraft (commercial service aircraft used by the airlines). This will allow aircraft to utilize all of the taxiway and not be limited by weight constraints. Also on the horizon is the expansion and construction of the north ramp area in concrete to provide more City ramp area for parking of aircraft. Concrete will provide a stronger surface and has a longer life-span than asphalt.

2) New Construction Preparation

The drainage and grading of 180 acres of midfield taxiway access land will get the raw land ready for construction of new businesses such as a fixed based operator, flight school, aircraft services or maintenance and manufacturing.

3) Land Acquisition

Land to the west may be acquired to allow for future growth of the Airport. This will enable the City of Phoenix to provide more services and business opportunities.

4) New T-Hangars

Additional t-hangars will help to meet the demand of aircraft owners desiring space at Goodyear Airport.

5) Future Fixed Based Operators

Infrastructure improvements for a fixed based operator will allow for utility hook-up for a future FBO.

6) New Road

A new road to the Airport from MC-85 will provide a much needed secondary access road to the airport and new access from the south.

Total projected costs are estimated to be \$38 million, spread over the seven-year cycle. Funding is expected from Federal, State, and Aviation Department resources. For detailed information visit pardonourdust.com or call (602)553-0005.

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MANAGER'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the second issue of Destination Goodyear. Response to the inaugural issue was very positive! Thanks to all who were responsible for its "launch".

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the reader informed on activities, projects, and events at Phoenix Goodyear Airport. In this ever increasing Information Age where communication is forwarded at 'light speed', we find it extremely important to keep you informed on current activities and events.

In this issue, information on upcoming Airport improvements are highlighted. To keep pace with economic development in the area, the City of Phoenix Aviation Department is focusing on building for tomorrow. A seven year projected schedule of projects totaling several million dollars has been earmarked to keep Phoenix Goodyear Airport the 'Gateway to the West Valley'. Driving west along Interstate 10 one can see the expanse of both residential and commercial development in the western Valley of the Sun. As an economic engine for the area, the Airport fosters a better quality of life for our communities and work environments, and provides a vital link to national and international transportation.

By reflecting on our history and looking forward to tomorrow's promise, the Aviation Department continues to strive towards improving its facilities for our communities and Airport users, now and in the future.

Enjoy reading **DESTINATION GOODYEAR!**

Shawn Arena
Airport Manager

Southwest Valley Chamber Predicts Bright Future

A great partnership was created as the Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce



joined with the Phoenix Goodyear Airport to combine the Airport's Open House and the Chamber event formerly known as the Community Connection.

Like the Airport, the Chamber of Commerce's outreach has changed and expanded over the years, providing more opportunities to represent of member businesses and the community. One such opportunity is the recent designation of the Chamber as an official Information Center by the Arizona Office of Tourism.

Formerly the Tri-City West Chamber of Commerce, the name was changed last year following a merger with the

Tolleson Chamber of Commerce. The name Southwest Valley Chamber was chosen to more accurately reflect the organization's place in the community and its representation of four of the area's principal cities: Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson.

The Chamber has recently moved into new, larger quarters, and expanded the Business Resource Center, located at 289 N. Litchfield Road in Goodyear. The community is invited to stop by or call (623) 932-2260.

Korean War Veterans Return to Airport After 50 Years

After World War II, Goodyear Aerospace established a facility at Goodyear Naval Air Station Litchfield for the advancement of aviation products design. From 1945 to 1965, the airfield was the main storage facility for the U.S. Navy as it retired WWII, Korea, and Vietnam War era aircraft.

Phoenix Goodyear Airport recently hosted the reunion of five Korean War Veterans who hadn't seen each other since the war. The veterans group, organized by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Metheney of Nashville, Tennessee, came to the airport to reminisce about the days when they served in the United States Navy from 1950-1954, while stationed at NAS Litchfield.

The group discussed the amazing changes that have taken place at the Airport since the 1950s, as well as shared fond memories about their experiences. The Goodyear Airport staff provided a warm welcome for the veterans' return.



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